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Military Children: Proud, Ready, and Resilient

2014 Military Youth Essay Contest

Topic: "What is it like being part of a military family?"

Incorporate one or more of the following themes into your essay:

- **How have you benefited from your family serving in the military?**
- **Describe the kind of support that you have appreciated from your local community as a military child.**
- **How do you handle spending time apart from your military parent(s) during deployments?**

- Categories are by grade: K-2; 3-5; 6-8; 9-12
- One winner from each category will be awarded an Xbox One
- Military youth in Colorado from all branches and duty status are eligible
- Essays must be 100-500 words for K-8th grade; 500-1,000 words for 9th-12th grade
- Entries must be received by May 2, 2014.
- Winning essays will be notified via email no later than May 16, 2014.
- An awards ceremony will be held on June 6, 2014. Logistics of that event will be included in the notification of winning essay email.
- For questions, please contact Laurie Burke at 720-250-1412,
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2014 Military Youth Essay Contest Entry Form

Entries may be used for display and publicity purposes. All entries must be attributable to the author. This completed form must accompany all entries.

Contestant's name: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Home address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone (must include area): _____

Military family member's name: _____

Branch of Svc: _____

Duty Status: _____ Military Installation/Armory: _____

Relationship to Contestant: _____

Parent / Guardian name(s): _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Deadline for entries is May 2, 2014. Email entries to: laurie.j.burke2.ctr@mail.mil

Mail entries to:

Laurie Burke, CYPC

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